
viapy Documentation

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1.1 API

class `viapy.api.SRUItem` (*items=None, sequence_type=<type 'tuple'>*)
Single item returned by a SRU search, for use with *ViafAPI.search()* and *SRUResult*.

label
first main heading for this item

nametype
type of name (personal, corporate, title, etc)

uri
VIAF URI for this result

viaf_id
VIAF numeric identifier

class `viapy.api.SRUResult` (*data*)
SRU search result object, for use with *ViafAPI.search()*.

records
list of results as *SRUItem*.

total_results
number of records matching the query

class `viapy.api.ViafAPI`
Wrapper for VIAF API.

<https://platform.worldcat.org/api-explorer/apis/VIAF>

api_base = `'https://www.viaf.org/viaf'`
base url for VIAF API methods

find_corporate (*name*)
Search VIAF for local.corporateNames

find_person (*name*)
Search VIAF for local.personalNames

find_place (*name*)
Search VIAF for local.geographicNames

search (*query*)
Query VIAF search interface. Returns a list of *SRUItem*:param query: CQL query in viaf syntax (e.g.,
cql.any all "term")

suggest (*term*)
Query autosuggest API. Returns a list of results, or an empty list if no suggestions are found or if something went wrong

uri_base = 'http://viaf.org/viaf'
base url for VIAF URIs

classmethod uri_from_id (*viaf_id*)
Generate a canonical VIAF URI for the specified id

class viapy.api.ViafEntity (*viaf_id*)
Object for working with a single VIAF entity.

Parameters **viaf_id** – viaf identifier (either integer or uri)

birthdate
schema birthdate as `rdflib.Literal`

birthyear
birth year

deathdate
schema deathdate as `rdflib.Literal`

deathyear
death year

rdf
VIAF data for this entity as `rdflib.Graph`

uriref
VIAF URI reference as instance of `rdflib.URIRef`

classmethod year_from_isodate (*date*)
Return just the year portion of an ISO8601 date. Expects a string, returns an integer

1.2 Views

class viapy.views.ViafLookup (***kwargs*)
View to provide VIAF suggestions for autocomplete lookup. Based on `dal.autocompleteSelect2ListView`. Expects search term as query string parameter *q*. Returns viaf URI as identifier and display form as text.

get (*request, *args, **kwargs*)
Return JSON with suggested VIAF ids and display names.

class viapy.views.ViafSearch (***kwargs*)
View to provide VIAF suggestions for autocomplete lookup. Based on `dal.autocompleteSelect2ListView`. Expects search term as query string parameter *q*. Returns viaf URI as identifier and display form as text.

get (*request*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Return JSON with suggested VIAF ids and display names.

1.3 Widgets

class viapy.widgets.ViafWidget (*url=None*, *forward=None*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Custom autocomplete select widget that displays VIAF id as a link. Extends `dal.autocomplete.Select2`.

render (*name*, *value*, *renderer=None*, *attrs=None*)

Call Django render together with *render_forward_conf*.

2.1 0.2

- Now supports Django versions 1.11 through 3.0.

2.2 0.1.4

- Fix Travis-CI build for building with and without Django.

2.3 0.1.3

- Fix GitHub repository name in sphinx documentation config file.

2.4 0.1.2

- Update sphinx configuration to support building documentation on readthedocs.org

2.5 0.1.1

- Document permissions.

2.6 0.1

Initial release.

- Basic support for VIAP API use: autocomplete, SRU search, information about a single VIAF entity.
- Basic Django integration (optional); django-autocomplete-light lookup view and a VIAF url widget.

VIAF via Python

Python module for interacting with [VIAF](#) (the Virtual International Authority File) data and APIs.

viapy provides optional Django integration; this currently includes a django-autocomplete-light lookup view and a VIAF url widget.

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Installation

Use pip to install from GitHub. Use a branch or tag name, e.g. @develop or @1.0 if you want to install a specific tagged release or branch:

```
pip install git+https://github.com/Princeton-CDH/viapy.git@develop#egg=viapy
```

Configuration for use with Django

Using *viapy* with Django requires additional configuration. Add *viapy* to installed applications along with the needed *django-autocomplete-light* modules:

```
INSTALLED_APPS = (  
    ...  
    'dal',  
    'dal_select2',  
    'viapy',  
    ...  
)
```

Include the *viapy* urls at the desired base url with the namespace:

```
urlpatterns = [  
    ...  
    url(r'^viaf/', include('viapy.urls', namespace='viaf')),  
    ...  
)
```

Development instructions

This git repository uses [git flow](#) branching conventions.

Initial setup and installation:

- Recommended: create and activate a python 3.5 virtualenv:

```
virtualenv viapy -p python3.5
source viapy/bin/activate
```

- pip install the package with its python dependencies:

```
pip install -e .
pip install -e ".[django]"
```

5.1 Unit Testing

Unit tests are set up to be run with [py.test](#)

- Copy sample test settings and add a **SECRET_KEY**:

```
cp ci/testsettings.py testsettings.py
```

- To run the tests, either use the configured setup.py test command:

```
python setup.py test
```

- Or install test requirements and use py.test directly:

```
pip install -e '.[test_all]'
py.test
```

5.2 Documentation

Documentation is generated using [sphinx](#). To generate documentation, first install development requirements:

```
pip install -e "[docs]"
```

Then build the documentation using the customized make file in the *docs* directory:

```
cd sphinx-docs  
make html
```

When building documentation for a production release, use *make docs* to update the published documentation on GitHub Pages.

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